

**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, Applicant hereby adds new claims 11-13, hence, claims 1, 2 and 4-13 are currently pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims do not contain new matter.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)**

Claims 1-2, 4 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Toga (U.S. Patent No. 6041355). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites, in part:

temporarily storing a multimedia data stream received from said computer network and addressed to a user terminal of said user terminals connected to said private network in response to an access request from said user terminal in order to perform filtering based on data content of said multimedia data stream, said filtering authorizing or blocking transmission of said multimedia data stream to said terminal as a function of particular criteria provided from said private network and applied to the multimedia data stream received at said private access node, and

analyzing a signature included in said multimedia data stream for the purpose of said filtering.

Toga relates to filtering data transferred between two networks based upon tags indicative of the content of the data. Specifically, Toga discloses that upon receipt of data requested from the internet, a web proxy 22 looks at tags that indicated information about the content of the data, and determines whether to allow the transfer of the data based on the tag information. *See* Toga, col. 3, lines 12-18. In Toga, the web proxy 22 does not analyze the data content itself, but instead analyzes content description language returned with the requested data. Therefore, Toga

does not disclose performing “filtering based on data content of said multimedia data stream”, but instead discloses filtering based on a tag.

Further, because Toga discloses filtering based on a tag, the reference does not disclose “filtering, authorizing or blocking transmission of said multimedia data stream to said terminal as a function of particular criteria provided from said private network and applied to the multimedia data stream received at said private access node”. Rather, Toga discloses applying criteria for determining whether to authorize or block transmission of a data packet based on a tag.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) by Toga because the reference does not teach or suggest all of the features of the claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 1, and dependent claims 2, 4, 8 and 9.

Claim 10 recites features similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10 is patentable according to the reasoning stated above.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over Toga in view of Fritch (U.S. Patent No. 6105132) and further in view of Cotton (U.S. Patent No. 63350590). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that Fitch and Cotton do not compensate for the deficiencies of Toga, and therefore claims 5-7 are at least patentable by virtue of their

dependency on claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 5-7.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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